

Thatcher campaigns to win EEC to her vision of enterprise culture

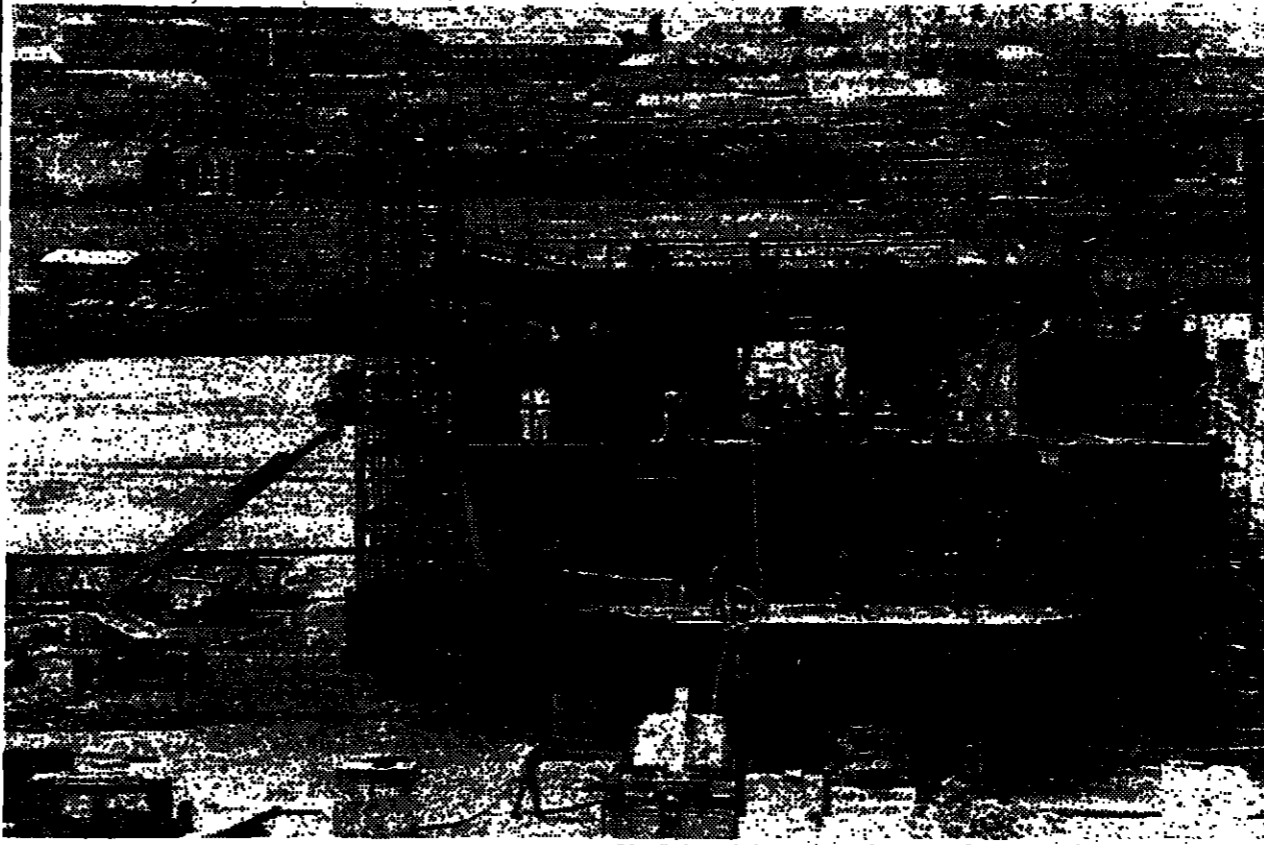
By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Mrs Margaret Thatcher launched a campaign yesterday to win the rest of Europe to her vision of an enterprise culture for combating high unemployment.

that, in discussion with EEC ministers, we can agree during the UK presidency to adopt a programme based on it.

intended to be either a vehicle for promoting deregulation per se or as a vehicle for removing social protections which many would see as hard-won rights.

The last ship being built on Tyneside



Last in a proud line: The replacement for Sir Galahad (Photograph: Allen Glenwright)

Navy delays cost Swan Hunter jobs

By Peter Davenport

Swan Hunter, the newly privatized warship yard, announced more than 800 redundancies on Tyneside yesterday.

promises to place further ministry work on the Tyne.

Shipbuilders for £5 million last January, is also still waiting to be given the order for the second of the auxiliary other replacement vessels, the first of which went to Belfast.

Solicitors oppose fee review body

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society is opposing moves for an independent review body in place of the present direct negotiation of legal aid fees between the legal profession and the Government.

... because of the expense involved.

A grunt in favour of piggery

By Robin Young

A trade union president yesterday entered a plea for a much maligned and potentially endangered species: the male chafer pig.

Voucher scheme for spectacles

National Health Service spectacles are to be abolished from July 1 and replaced by vouchers worth between £14.25 and £66 for those entitled to them.

But Mr Hayhoe told the institute that, if it should become clear that there are real problems who can be confident that I will react sympathetically.

Victorian library sold to American

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The library of Sir Richard Burton, the colourful Victorian traveller, author, mystic and expert on Oriental erotica, has been sold by the Royal Anthropological Institute to the Christensen Fund of California for \$500,000.

Attorney General has been sought.

University will pay off debts to save merger

University College, Cardiff, will pay off its accumulated £3.2 million debts to enable a planned merger with the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology to go ahead in 1989.

Cardiff was one of 18 universities and colleges to have its grant for next year reduced in cash terms.

Games ruling attacked

The Government's refusal to help the financially hard-pressed forthcoming Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh was attacked yesterday by Mr Harry Ewing, Labour leisure spokesman.

Discount war declared on flights to the US

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Lecturer in 'rag' attack condemns polytechnic for organized violence

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

A law lecturer who was attacked by five students as part of a rag week prank at North East London Polytechnic has criticized the college's attitude to what she termed organized violence.

Miss Pamela Symes, aged 37, a former research fellow at Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, said she is in constant pain and had not worked since the assault last term.

The length of my spine, my left arm was extremely sore and there was constant streaming from my left eye, with a continual headache.



Miss Pamela Symes, a law lecturer, who was attacked by students in a rag week stunt (Photograph: Dod Miller).

Satellite TV boost to bookies' image

By Bill Johnstone Technology Correspondent

Thousands of high street bookmakers are preparing to introduce a 250 million satellite television service which will give punters live coverage of a large range of sporting events on which they can gamble.

Police framed man for Tory bomb, QC says

Police officers framed a man for the Brighton bombing in an attempt to retrieve their credibility, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, a defence counsel, said that the police selected his client, Patrick Magee, aged 35, to be "the villain of the piece".

Boy found dying 'had many dog-bite marks'

A boy's love of animals may have led to his death, an inquest at Loughborough, Leicestershire, was told.

North Leicestershire Coroner, said that there was a great deal which was still unexplained and for that reason he would record an open verdict.

Home prices rise by 5%

By Richard Lander

Falling mortgage rates, rising real incomes and the advent of the traditional spring buying season pushed house prices up by a full 5 per cent in the past three months.

The Halifax House Price Index also showed that the average house now costs £37,800, 11 per cent more than a year ago.

Stiff competition in recent months between building societies and banks to attract new mortgage customers has also led to incentives such as lower interest rates for the first year being offered.

Attack on tobacco warnings

By Nicholas Timmins Social Services Correspondent

A Bill to place health warnings on the front and back of cigarette packets and in prominent positions on all other tobacco products has been tabled in Parliament by Mr Archie Kirkwood, the Liberal health spokesman.

The Bill has the support of the British Medical Association which is backing five separate attempts to tighten legislation on tobacco health warnings, advertising and promotion.

Brave policeman to go back to his old beat

George Hammond, the police constable who survived after being stabbed with a 12-inch butcher's knife, has won his battle to return to work.

Next Monday he will rejoin his colleagues at East Dulwich police station.

Attack on tobacco warnings

Mr Kirkwood said yesterday that the warnings should state bluntly that cigarettes cause lung cancer, heart disease and bronchitis, not simply that they "can" cause such diseases as described in the six health warnings recently agreed upon by the Department of Health and the tobacco industry.

He said that with 100,000 premature deaths and 50 million working days lost each year through smoking, and 40 per cent of people aged 16 smoking against just over 30 per cent of adults, "people have to be given the information they require to enable them to make an objective choice about smoking".

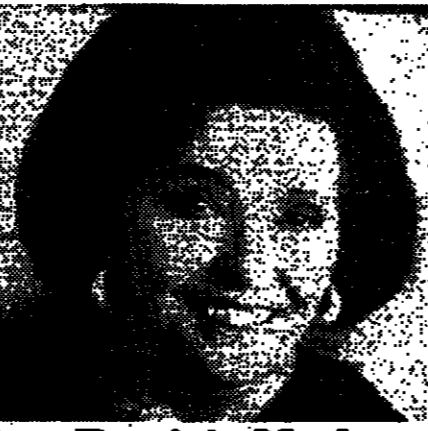
MPs' boat race crosses party lines

By Philip Webster

MPs are to stage their own boat race in an attempt to raise £20,000 for their parish church, St Margaret's in Westminster.

The appeal is expected to reach £250,000 by the start of the summer recess.

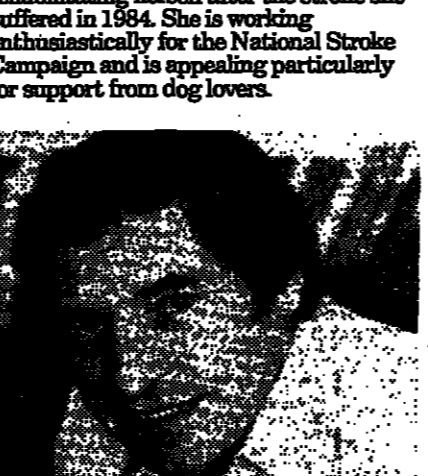
The regatta organizers are hoping to raise £1,000 a boat through sponsorship for the event, to take place in full view of Parliament's terrace.



Patricia Neal The Oscar-winning film star, at the height of her career, was struck by a serious stroke and is now restored to a fully active life as an actress and in community work.



Barbara Woodhouse The dog trainer and TV personality, with characteristic determination, set about rehabilitating herself after the stroke she suffered in 1984.



Cliff Morgan The great Welsh Rugby International fought back to a notable career in TV and radio after suffering a stroke in 1972.

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Search for more circuit court judges fails to meet Hailsham target

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor's trail of the legal profession to increase the number of circuit judges is still short of its target, two years after he announced the move to ease the heavy workload of crown courts and reduce delays.

However, the rise in the number of barristers and solicitors is beginning to be felt now, and recruitment to the circuit bench is expected to increase steadily so that the target should be reached within this financial year.

Mr Peter Scott, QC, vice-chairman of the Bar, expressed concern about appointments to the circuit bench. The attractions of the job were now far less than they used to be, he said.

Prisoner denies he lied about death

A prison escapee, Philip Rutherford, was accused yesterday of telling lies about the death of Mark Hogg, a fellow inmate, to "besmirch, blacken and vilify" the reputation of police and prison officers.

Appeal on libel cost rule fails

A former chief press officer to the Prime Minister who was said to be "massively out of pocket" in spite of winning a 27-day libel action over articles in *The Sunday Times* and *Time Out* magazine failed yesterday in an appeal against the refusal of the trial judge to award him all his legal costs.

American actress aids stroke campaign

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

The courageous recovery from a stroke by actress Patricia Neal was offered as an incentive yesterday in a £2 million campaign to help other sufferers.



Miss Neal with Sir Eric Cheadle, chairman of the stroke campaign, yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Habgood in child poverty appeal

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

The Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) launched a £300,000 appeal yesterday for new premises in London.

Union call for law to reinstate workers

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Employers "make a mockery" of industrial tribunal hearings when they ignore rulings to reinstate dismissed workers, a union congress was told yesterday.

SDP lawyers call for workers' positive rights

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Legislation to create a legal framework of positive rights for workers, including the right to strike, was called for by the Social Democratic Lawyers' Association in a discussion paper published yesterday.

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Mr Neil Butterfield, QC, representing the Prison Officers' Association, accused Rutherford of inventing the allegations.

Earlier yesterday, Mr Malcolm Cotterill, representing Avon and Somerset Police, accused Rutherford of fabricating the story of the police assault.

On that date, *Time Out* had paid £501 into court in offer of settlement. The libel jury awarded Mr Howe only £500 against the magazine, and so he did not qualify, under High Court Rules, for costs of that action incurred from the date of the payment-in.

Home viewing of video films breaks record

By Bill Johnston Technology Correspondent
Britain's video film hire shops spent nearly £25 million on films in the first three months of this year to satisfy unprecedented demand for home video viewing.

Reprieve for squatters at Libya bureau

Squatters faced with eviction from a life of luxury in the abandoned Libyan People's Bureau in Kensington won a reprieve in the High Court yesterday.

Driver hurt in crossing crash

A car driver is seriously ill with burns after his vehicle was struck by a train at an unmanned level crossing near Ammanford, Dyfed, and burst into flames.

Visitors flock to Stonehenge

Stonehenge was again the most popular English Heritage attraction last year.

Mayoral first

The first Democratic Unionist Party councillor to hold the office has been elected Lord Mayor of Belfast.

Long-term view of land use

In recent months the Countryside Commission has taken the lead in demanding a new strategy for the future management of Britain's countryside.

Soil erosion: 3

In his third and final article on the work of the Soil Survey of England and Wales, John Young, Agriculture Correspondent, looks at how it could be utilized for environmental, planning and conservation purposes and in reaching decisions on future land use.

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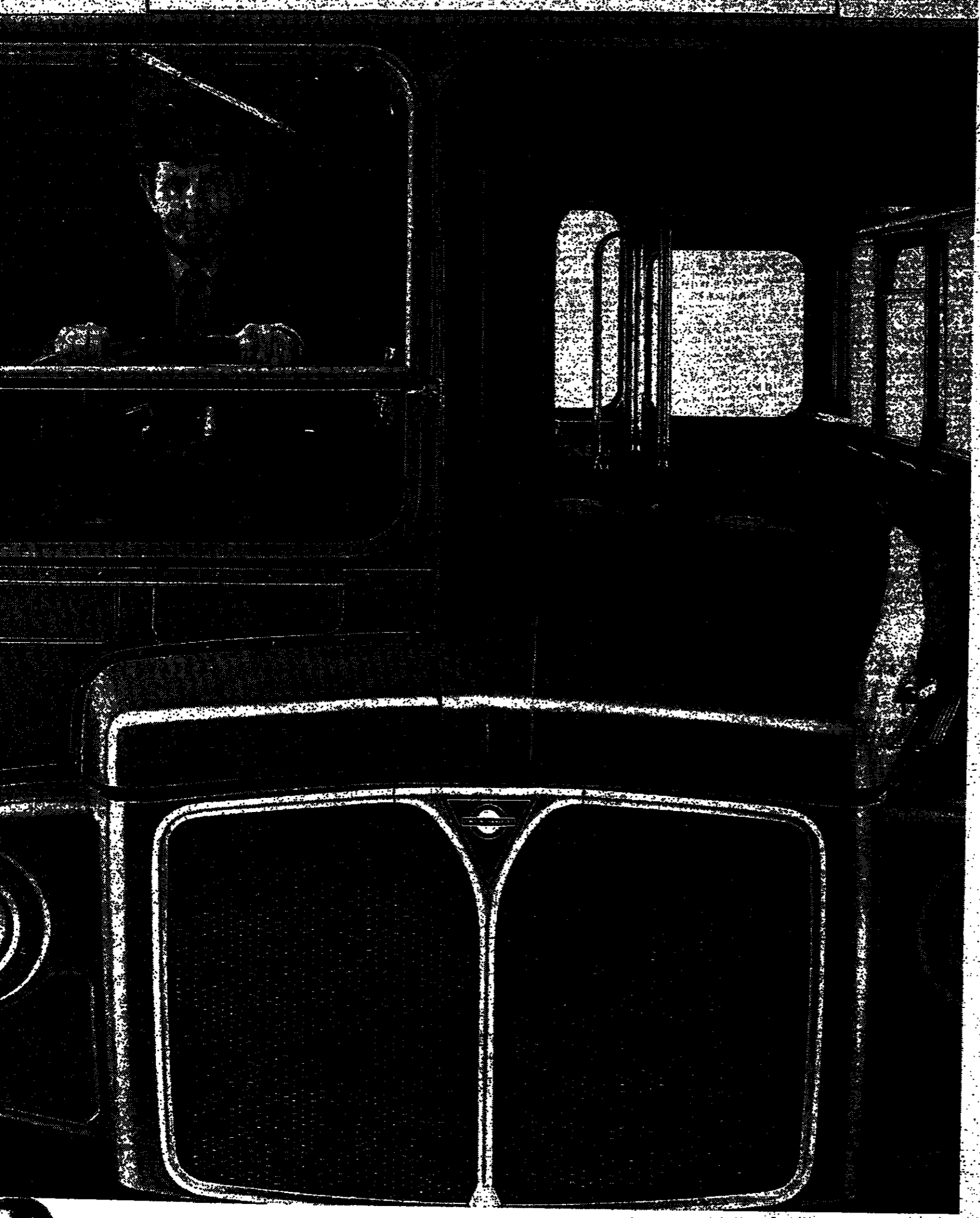
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Political wing of ETA legalized by court amid bomb campaign

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

In the midst of ETA's bombing campaign to disrupt tourism at Spanish resorts, the Supreme Court has handed down a judgment legalizing the so-called "people's unity" coalition, the political wing of the Basque armed separatist organization.

The timing of the court's decision clearly had nothing to do with the series of bombings, nor are ETA's assistants on the Costa del Sol and elsewhere considered at all likely to stop now.

The decision is a blow for the Socialist Government, and particularly for the Interior Ministry, which fought actions through five lower courts before reaching the Supreme Court, with the aim of having the extreme left-wing nationalist Herri Batasuna coalition banned.

The verdict may be a fillip for the coalition among Basque voters at the general election in 19 days' time.

British tourists holidaying in southern Spain in spite of the ETA bombs were favourably compared by a senior Spanish Government official yesterday with United States tourists, who are staying away from Spain and the rest of Europe because of terrorism.

"Unlike the Americans, the British are being magnificent," he said. "Where they have had to leave their hotels to permit the police bomb disposal squad to go to work, they have reacted with goodwill and humour."

Small bombs have gone off, causing no injuries but so far damaging four hotels, since ETA announced nine days ago that it was resuming last summer's campaign to "sabotage the economic interests of the Spanish state".

The latest hotel was the four-star Atalaya Park at Estepona, near Marbella. The bomb, placed at one of the entrances, went off while po-

lice, alerted by a caller, were on the premises searching.

In three other hotels police defused the bombs before they went off, each time having been alerted by anonymous callers.

In one case, in Malaga, ETA called back after the police had failed to locate the bomb and gave its precise position.

The national police and the paramilitary Civil Guard are now patrolling the Costa del Sol.

The Socialist Government in 1983 began seeking through the courts to get the "people's unity" coalition banned on the grounds that the party's statutes did not accept the 1978 Spanish constitution or declare expressly that its members were Spaniards.

But the Supreme Court found nothing in the party statutes to deprive citizens of a constitutional right to associate politically.

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Noughts go for the lira's comfort

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The Italian Government decided yesterday to abolish a massive number of noughts from the country's daily life by introducing the "heavy lire", each of which will represent one thousand of the present unit of currency.

Hence a 1,000-lire note in use now will eventually be replaced by a one-lira note or coin, while 1,000 lire under the new disposition will be worth the same as the present million.

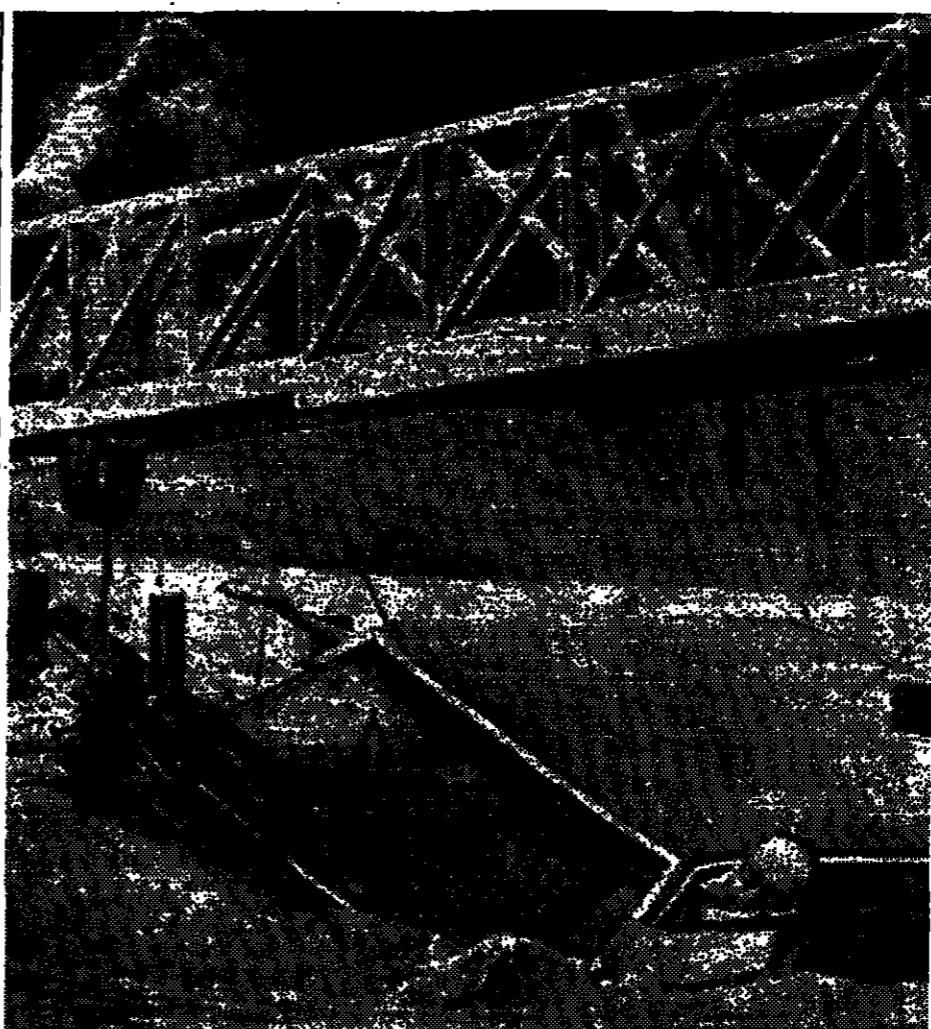
The Bill was finally approved after the failure on May 17 on the Government's part to agree on more than the principle of the change. More talks were needed to complete the arrangements.

The new currency will be introduced by presidential decree and the date has yet to be fixed, though the hope is that the change can begin next year.

For a certain period both types of lire will be in circulation simultaneously.

Assurances were given that the change would in no way alter "economic realities", presumably meaning that the measure would not amount to a hidden devaluation. It will nevertheless have a practical and psychological usefulness.

The Bill has still to be approved by Parliament.



FBI holds England fan

Houston (AP) — Mr Terry Exelby, a football fan from York travelling to the World Cup in Mexico, has been charged by FBI agents.

He is being held in Harris County Jail with no bond pending a court hearing, charged with an alleged assault on a flight attendant.

Tanzania switch on credit from IMF

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Tanzania is reported to have reached agreement in principle with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on a £133 million standby credit, which will involve a further substantial devaluation of the Tanzanian shilling and stringent financial controls.

This will end several years of pressure from the IMF and from Western donor countries for reforms of the Tanzanian financial system.

The former President, Mr Julius Nyerere, who stepped down last November and was replaced by Mr Ali Hassan Mwinyi, had refused repeatedly to accept such pressure. But it appears that the Tanzanians now realise that they have no real alternative.

Western diplomats are now optimistic about the prospects for a donors' meeting on Tanzania, to be held in Paris on June 10, with the World Bank and other international agencies represented as well as individual western countries.

West Germany and Scandinavia have been prominent in providing aid to Tanzania in recent years.

Last month the Tanzanian shilling was devalued from 25 to 35 to the £ sterling in what is regarded by bankers as only a partial move towards a more realistic valuation.

Swedish workers postpone strikes

Stockholm — Massive industrial action, which would have cost the country millions of kroner in lost export orders, was postponed at the last minute yesterday (Christo-

pher Mosey writes).

State mediators persuaded Metall, a union representing 500,000 workers in the engineering industry, to postpone until Friday strikes by 17,000 workers in 19 key industries, including the Saab and Volvo car firms.

The employers duly put off until Saturday a lockout of 180,000 workers.

South Africa in crisis

Pretoria asks EPG to have a last look

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

The South African Government has written to the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group (EPG) urging it to make another visit to South Africa before deciding whether or not to recommend the imposition of sanctions.

But in view of last month's South African raids against Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe it is unlikely that the seven-member group will agree to the request.

The publication in South Africa this week of a booklet defending Pretoria's refusal to negotiate with the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) seems certain to confirm the view, held by a majority of the group, that South Africa is not prepared to begin a dialogue with representative black leaders, as the group had demanded.

The letter from Pretoria arrived yesterday at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, on the eve of the group's meeting to complete a report on its six-month peace mission.

Its contents were being kept private and, because of the secrecy which has surrounded the mission since it was set up at the end of last year, officials refused even to confirm its existence.

But it is understood that the South Africans were careful not to reject any of the proposals the group left with them when it was in South Africa last month. Instead, Pretoria limited itself to pointing out some of the problems the Commonwealth plan would present.

The group is led by Mr Malcolm Fraser, a former Australian Prime Minister, and General Olusegun Obasanjo, a former Nigerian president.

The Commonwealth group has until the end of the month to complete its report.

It will then be considered at a meeting of seven Commonwealth leaders in London at the beginning of August, when Mrs Thatcher is expected to come under renewed pressure to impose economic sanctions, unless there is a radical shift in South Africa's position.

Pretoria 'licence to kill' claim Chalker in Harare lion's den

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

New security measures being debated this week in the South African Parliament would give the police a "government-approved licence to beat up and kill", a member of the official Opposition in the House of Assembly, the white chamber, has declared.

The two measures are the Public Safety Amendment Bill and the Internal Security Amendment Bill.

The Public Safety Amendment Bill would empower the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, to proclaim any part of the country an "unrest area" and to take such measures as "appear to him to be necessary or expedient" in that area.

The Internal Security Amendment Bill would give a police officer lieutenant-colonel rank or above authority to order anyone to be held in preventive detention for up to 180 days.

An MP for the Progressive Federal Party, the official Opposition, said that it amounted to an "official government-approved licence to beat up and kill, a licence to organize vigilante groups, a licence to terrorize entire communities".

Meeting off the imprisoned leader of the African National Congress (ANC), Mr Nelson Mandela, has told Chief Gatscha Buthelez, head of the Zulu-dominated Inkatha movement, that they should defer a meeting until after his release from prison. The message was conveyed by Mr Mandela's lawyer.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, walked into the lion's den of anti-South African opposition yesterday to defend Britain's reluctance to impose sanctions against Pretoria.

But if she stirred displeasure by her frank statement at a lunch, her reference to South Africans as "boers" at least falls in with local parlance. An Afrikaner word meaning farmer, "boer" is used universally in southern Africa as an insulting slang for Afrikaners.

Mrs Chalker arrived here yesterday morning for a four-day familiarization trip in southern Africa. She travels to Zaire on Friday.

The lunch began with a politely-phrased attack on Britain by the host, Mr Didymus Mutasa, Speaker of the Zimbabwe House of Assembly. He criticized Britain's role in the American attack on Libya and its veto of the recent United Nations resolution calling for sanctions against South Africa.

Mrs Chalker said that "state-organized terrorism on an indiscriminate scale" by Libya was "of a totally different and unique kind" from the South African raids on Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana on May 19.

The American bombing of Libya did not mean that President Botha was "the right-hand friend and ally" of Britain, as Mr Mutasa had suggested, she said. "We have told Botha plainly that his raids were indefensible."

Zambia white accused

Lusaka (AP) — Mr Peter Murray, a white Zambian farmer detained on May 9, allegedly fed South Africa information about strategic installations and buildings of the African National Congress, the Times of Zambia reported yesterday.

On May 19 South African forces raided alleged ANC targets in Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Mr Fidelis Masunda, the magistrate, said that his remarks "could be said to border on treason". He allowed £150 bail pending an appeal.



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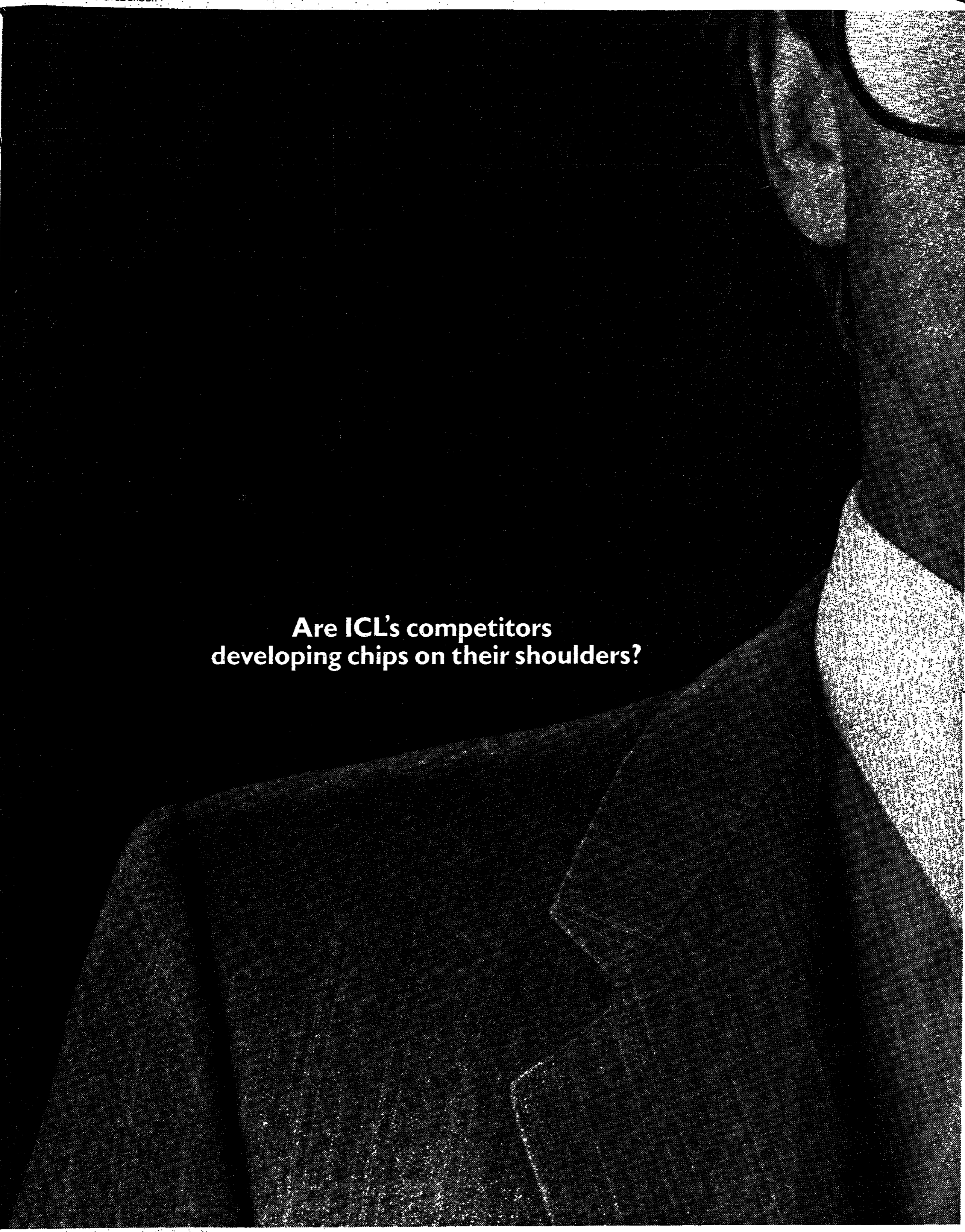
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Opponents of Chilean regime call for month of civil disobedience

From Lake Segaris, Santiago

The National Assembly of Civil Society, composed of several organizations opposed to military rule in Chile, has called for a month of peaceful civil disobedience to end in a two-day general strike in early July if the military regime continues to ignore its demands for immediate political and economic change.

Its president, Dr Juan Gonzalez, called the threat an extremely serious matter, saying that member organizations represented an estimated 3.5 million to 4 million Chileans.

All of Chile's main professional associations, academics and students, teachers, lorry owners, storekeepers and the two multiple union confederations belong to the assembly, which was formed in a semi-clandestine meeting at the end of April.

It then gave the military Government a month to respond to its demands for a return to democratic government, with full respect for human rights, and for economic policies which would deal with the problems of unemployment and indebtedness that plague Chileans.

"Instead of proposing a solution for the real problems of the majority, the Government has imposed a set of repressive, intimidating techniques which has especially affected poor people," Dr Gonzalez said at a press conference this week.

He said that the growing use of troops to suppress peaceful demonstrations was a symptom of the Government's warlike attitude to politics and could not go on.

The National Assembly of Civil Society's national council, which comprises the presidents of member organizations, has asked Chileans to boycott certain products which, they say, finance mis-information in television reports.

Chilean television is under tightening control by the military Government, and most coverage focuses on official Government statements.

The Assembly also called for home owners to suspend payment of taxes and mortgages.

It announced that throughout June member organizations will hold protests and other activities around their specific problems.

University students are planning an indefinite national strike to back their demands for an end to military rule on campus and off, to begin on June 16.

Mrs Barbara Piasecka Johnson, the third wife of the Johnson & Johnson heir, J Seward Johnson, looking jubilant at the end of the prolonged New York court battle over her late husband's multimillion-dollar legacy.

The Johnson & Johnson family feud over father's will was settled out of court with the six multimillionaire children receiving more millions and the widow, a former chambermaid, getting more than \$300 million. The lawyers emerged with \$10 million in fees. The battle over the \$500 million fortune of the son of the founder of the pharmaceutical company went on for 16 weeks in a Manhattan court.

The key question in the case was whether Mr Johnson was of sound mind when he signed his last will shortly before he died in 1983, aged 87, leaving the bulk of his estate to Barbara, now aged 49, to whom he was married for 12 years. Both sides claim victory.



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Punjab Speaker elected Assembly success for Akali Dal

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The embattled Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, was able to congratulate himself yesterday on winning at least the first victory of what his extremist opponents have called "genocide week", marking the second anniversary of the army seizure of the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

His Akali Dal party, reduced to a minority in the state legislative Assembly by defections over his own ordering of police into the temple a month ago, managed to elect its own men as Speaker and Deputy with the assistance of the Congress (I) Party and all other parties in the House, with the lone exception of the Janata Party member.

Mr Amarinder Singh, the erstwhile Maharajah of Patiala, one of the three prominent defectors expelled from the party, has been elected leader of the dissident faction, which he said was properly entitled to be called the Akali Dal. Mr Barnala's group should really be called the Akali Dal (Congress), he said.

There is now likely to be an extensive legal and constitutional battle over whether the dissidents can be expelled from the House under the terms of the anti-defection law passed by Mr Rajiv Gandhi last year.

There were, however, two votes of some significance for Mr Barnala when the names of the new Speaker and his Deputy were put forward.

One was that the previous Speaker, who resigned because of his opposition to police action in the Golden Temple, voted for Mr Barnala's nominee rather than for the Amrinder Singh group's candidate.

The other is that one of the original 27 defectors absented herself from the House altogether. Mrs Jagdish Kaur is

reported to have stayed away because she has been won over to the ruling group's side.

Mr Barnala is also presenting as a victory for his government the fact that the central Government has announced that Chandigarh - joint capital of Punjab and the neighbouring Hindu state of Haryana - will be handed exclusively to him on June 21.

He is also boasting that the two districts of Abohar and Fazilka, rich in rice and cotton, will not be handed over in return, which had been the plan under Mrs Gandhi.

Exactly what will be handed over still has to be settled before a one-man commission of inquiry run by a retired Supreme Court judge, and it seems likely that there may be further disagreements between the two states.

But the Chief Minister of Haryana, Mr Bhajan Lal, has been making more gentle noises of late about the possibility of losing his capital and having to build another.

There are, of course, very many desirable building and supply contracts available in connection with such a grand rebuilding programme, and no chief minister could easily turn away from the power and patronage they will bring.

However, his opposition, mainly in the Lok Dal and Bharatiya Janata Party, plans to remind him of neglect of the state's interests by calling a general strike for June 21, the day of the handover.

The extremists, meanwhile, have not allowed the rate of assassination and fear to diminish. A BJP leader was among five people killed in recent hours. In response, state police have increased the number of preventive arrests to more than 300.

Rebels welcome Duarte talks offer

From John Carlin, Mexico City

Salvadorean rebel leaders have welcomed President Duarte's latest, and surprising, offer of peace talks, but say they suspect his motives.

Reacting to a proposal made in a speech on Sunday,

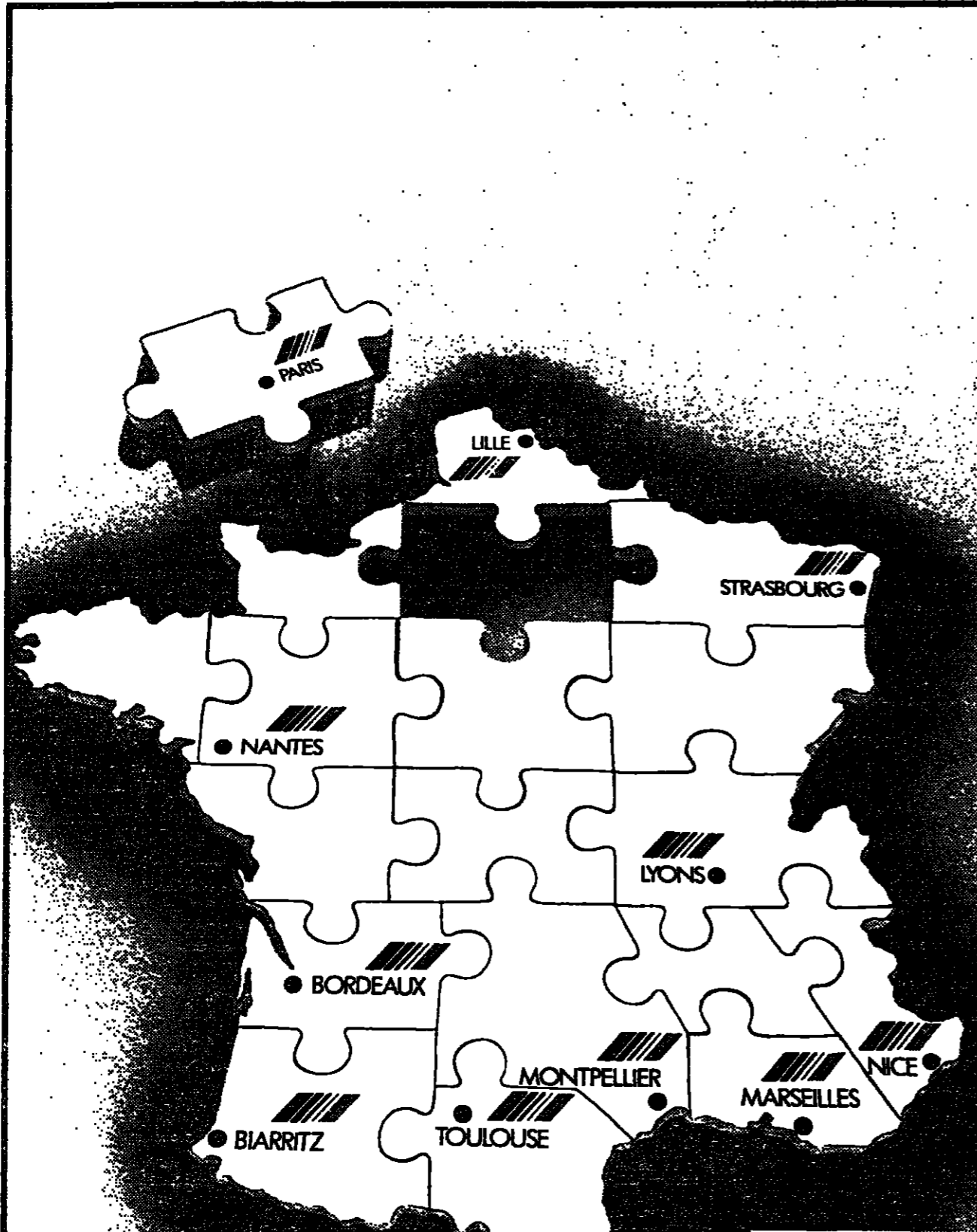
rebel leaders outside El Salvador said they considered his new gesture to try to end the six-year civil war as positive.

"But we wonder whether this Duarte propaganda play to score points with the people at a critical moment for his government," one of the polit-

ical leaders of the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR) said in a telephone interview.

The Salvadorean President made clear on Sunday that any new dialogue would essentially be a discussion of the guerrillas' willingness to lay down their arms.

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Economist to lead Socialists

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

The new leader of Portugal's Socialist Party will be Dr Vitor Constancio, aged 42, a technocrat economist who has for the past year been Governor of the Bank of Portugal.

He was Minister of Finance in the Socialist Government of Dr Mario Soares in 1978, and was responsible for implementing the austerity programme which saved the country from a serious economic crisis.

Dr Constancio was also president of the commission which negotiated Portugal's entry into the EEC and was a Socialist delegate in Parliament.

His leadership of the Socialists was assured on Monday night, when his opponent, Dr Jaime Gama, conceded defeat. Of 1,340 delegates to the Socialist National Conference at the end of June to elect a national secretary, Dr Constancio has already received the full support of 1,082 delegates, and Dr Gama only 229.

Dr Gama says he will "form a constructive opposition within the party".

Dr Constancio will succeed Dr Soares, who stepped down from the party leadership after being elected President of Portugal in January.

President Soares took no part in the contest between the two, although Dr Gama has always been regarded as his protégé and most likely to succeed him.

Dr Constancio represents the left wing of the party. Most of the Socialist labour union leaders, the presidents of municipal governments and the heads of the nationalized banks support him.

He led a movement in 1979 within the Socialist Party against the wishes of Dr Soares to support the left-wing President Ramalho Eanes in the second bid for the presidency.

Tit-for-tat American tariff war

From John Best, Ottawa

Canada has hit back at the United States for a tariff it placed on Canadian timber products two weeks ago, only to find that Washington has raised the stakes with yet a third duty.

Mr Michael Wilson, the Canadian Finance Minister, has announced that Canada was restoring duties on a range of books, periodicals and other publications from the US; computer parts and semi-conductors; and several smaller trade items.

The duties will bring in some Can\$80 million (about £38 million) a year.

The move is in retaliation for a 35 per cent tariff imposed by the Reagan Administration on Canadian shingles and shakes on May 22.

Meanwhile the US International Trade Commission voted on Monday to tax Canadian steel products used in drilling oil and gas wells.

The commission upheld a complaint by American producers that imports from Canada and Taiwan were "subsidized and under-priced".

Spassky beats Timman to take the lead

Bugojno, Yugoslavia (AP) - Boris Spassky, the former world chess champion now playing for France, took the lead in the incomplete seventh round of the Grand Masters tournament here by defeating Jan Timman, of The Netherlands, in 40 moves.

Another former world champion, Anatoly Karpov, of the Soviet Union, and Tony Miles, of Britain, adjourned after the 41st move in a much better position for Miles, who played black. Andrei Sokolov and Artur Yusupov, the Soviet grandmasters, drew on the 36th move.

Cairo persuades Iraq to save condemned forgers

From A Correspondent, Cairo

Iraq has bowed to diplomatic pressure from Cairo and commuted death sentences on 10 Egyptians convicted of forging passports and "sabotaging the national economy".

Mr Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, confirmed the decision after a two-day visit to Baghdad by his Egyptian counterpart, Dr Esmat Abdel Meguid, in which he lobbied for reduced sentences.

Mr Aziz said that President Saddam Husain had decided to reduce the sentences to life imprisonment "in response to a request by his brother, President Hosni Mubarak."

It was clear, however, that it was a reluctant decision. President Saddam had confirmed the death sentences and an execution date had been set.

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Defence report paves the way for Australian forces revamp

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The long-awaited Dibb Report - described by Canberra as the most comprehensive review of Australia's defences since the Second World War - has reaffirmed priorities to make the country more self-reliant in the face of a potential threat from the north.

The report paves the way for a restructuring of the armed forces, based on three principles:

- That Australia will exert its military independence for 1,000 nautical miles around its coastline, but will not again be required to commit forces externally - for example, to a conflict in the Philippines.
- That surveillance over the northern horizon be accelerated and expanded.
- That air and naval strike capability be sharpened.

The lead-up to the tabling of the report in Parliament yesterday was touched by the sensitivities of Indonesia and the United States.

A 9,000-word section dealing with the contingency of an



Anti-war protesters lie in simulation of death at the foot of the Colosseum in Rome, where armed forces marched past to mark the 40th anniversary of the Italian Republic on Sunday.

invasion by "a regional power" has been kept classified, to avoid antagonizing the Indonesians.

Although a vehement attack on Australia in the Indonesian Army newspaper this week indicates that the April agreements with Canberra still rankle in Jakarta, the report states that Indonesia will not be strong enough militarily to invade before the end of the century.

The Australian Government has also been anxious to reassure the US by emphasizing its commitment to the ANZUS alliance, citing the report as a review of defence capability, rather than of defence policy.

There have been persistent reports, denied by Canberra, that when Mr Kim Beazley, the Minister of Defence, visited Washington in May he encountered criticism that the review was isolationist and based on a concept of "fortress Australia".

The man behind the report is Mr Paul Dibb, a senior research fellow in strategic studies at the Australian National University who was born in Yorkshire, and author of the book, *Soviet Union: Incomplete Superpower*.

The call to improve surveillance of the northern coastline is one striking aspect of the report. An Australian over-the-horizon radar system known as Jindalee, still under trial, has been given Mr Dibb's emphatic endorsement, with recommendations that its use be expanded and accelerated.

Mr Kim Beazley: "Fortress Australia" reports denied.

Royal Navy joins Japanese in Pacific exercises

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Royal Navy and Japanese naval forces are exercising together for the first time on a large scale since the First World War in Rimac of the Pacific (Rimpac) exercises off Hawaii.

The Royal Navy is taking part in Rimpac '86 for the first time after the United States decided not to invite participation in this year's manoeuvres by the Royal New Zealand Navy after the breakdown of

defence relations between Washington and Wellington over port visits by nuclear-armed American ships.

The Canadian and Australian navies have also joined the largest participating force, from the US Navy.

The last time the Royal Navy and the Japanese worked together on such a scale was when the Japanese Imperial Navy dispatched the cruisers Niitaka and Teshima to the Cape of Good Hope in early 1917 at the request of

Sir Edward Grey, the then Foreign Secretary.

At that time, two flotillas of Japanese destroyers also were sent to assist the Royal Navy in the Mediterranean.

This time the Japanese and British fleets will again find themselves on the same side - most of the time. According to the Japanese press, American, British and Japanese fleets will join forces to relieve the "occupation" of Hawaii and to eliminate "anarchy" forces along the way, from the US west coast.

Poll setback limits Ecuador options in balancing books

Quito (Reuter) - The conservative President Leon Febres Cordero of Ecuador faces increasing difficulty in imposing austerity on his oil-exporting nation after successes by his opponents in mid-term elections to Congress.

Bankers and diplomats say that President Febres Cordero now faces the challenge of carrying out delicate negotiations with foreign creditors to secure foreign exchange against the background of a hostile Congress. Ecuador is squeezed by low prices for oil, its main export.

Returns from Sunday's polls show the centre-left and Marxist parties won 55.5 per cent of the vote against 35.5 per cent for pro-government parties. Nine per cent went to neutral, centrist parties.

The newly-elected deputies will take office in August, ending control of Congress by the pro-American Senator Febres Cordero halfway through his four-year term.

Senior Alvaro Saenz, a sociologist and head of a Quito polling and research centre, said: "The opponents in Congress will harass the Government at a time when it will try

to impose hard-line economic measures to grapple with an oil price fall.

The Ecuador Congress can impeach or oust ministers with a simple majority vote, and bankers say that the Finance Minister or other ministers could become targets for harassment.

Austerity measures have been mild this year, with the Government trimming its Budget by only 5 per cent and imposing import tariff surcharges of up to 30 per cent.

But uncertainty about future measures prompted a devaluation of the national currency by about 5 per cent before trading in dollars was suspended on Thursday.

Quito still glimmers with prosperity created by an oil boom in the 1970s.

But bankers and diplomats speculate that austerity options include another devaluation and an increase in the price of petrol.

Memories are fresh of the 14 per cent petrol increase and 21 per cent devaluation in March 1983 which sparked a general strike and protest in which one person died and more than 50 were wounded.

Peking and Tokyo join forces on trade loss

From A Correspondent, Peking

The largest trade meeting ever held between China and Japan ended in Peking at the weekend with both sides pledging to cut China's large deficit with Japan.

The 163-member Japanese delegation of government officials and business leaders proposed to help China to increase its ability to export by building factories to produce export-quality goods.

The 160-strong Chinese delegation promised to improve the quality and packaging of Chinese products, to speed delivery and to develop new commodities.

Japan's economic and financial presence in China has become a matter of great concern to both countries.

Late last year Chinese student demonstrations in Peking, Xian, Wuhan and Chengdu denounced "the second Japanese invasion of China" (the first being the Japanese occupation of Manchuria in the 1930s).

Two billboards advertising Japanese goods near Tiananmen Square in Peking were taken down, and imports of Japanese consumer goods, including automobiles were banned for two years.

Most vexing to both sides has been China's large trade deficit with Japan. In 1985 that deficit totalled \$5.2 billion (£3.5 billion).

China, involved in its massive modernization drive, cannot afford such trade imbalances; and the Japanese do not want to antagonize China further.

Japanese businesses proposed 84 co-operation projects, while the Chinese put forward some 100, involving mainly agriculture and petrochemicals, garments and electrical machinery.

Ershad to keep rule by military

From Ahmed Fazi, Dhaka

President Ershad of Bangladesh said yesterday that he would not lift martial law before holding presidential elections. But he gave no date for the poll.

He told a private news agency that he was not prepared to heed Opposition demands immediately to lift martial law, which is now in its fifth year. "I cannot end martial law before presidential polls."

His refusal came as the Awami League and seven other parties called a protest rally for the capital today.

General Ershad said that he would summon the Parliament later this month and ask the House to pass a constitutional amendment legalizing his role as chief martial law administrator.

Asian visit: General Ershad left Dhaka yesterday for Bhutan on the first of several visits to build closer ties with South-East Asian countries.

Gandhi Pakistan visit delayed by treaty texts

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

A visit to Pakistan by the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has been delayed because the texts of two agreements between the countries have not been completed. Pakistan's Parliament was told yesterday.

President Zia had made a personal invitation to Mr Gandhi in December to visit Pakistan, when the agreements were expected to have been signed.

Mr Mohammad Khan Junjo, the Prime Minister, said at question time in the National Assembly that it was not known when Mr Gandhi would now visit Pakistan.

The lower House was told that the visit had been delayed because the texts had not been completed for a proposed agreement that each other's nuclear installations should not be attacked; and another combining Pakistan's proposal of a non-aggression pact with India's suggestion of a treaty of peace, friendship and co-operation.

Official Indian statements reported in the press had indicated that Mr Gandhi was unlikely to visit Pakistan soon because of a perceptible lack of enthusiasm for pursuit talks on normalisation of relations between the countries.

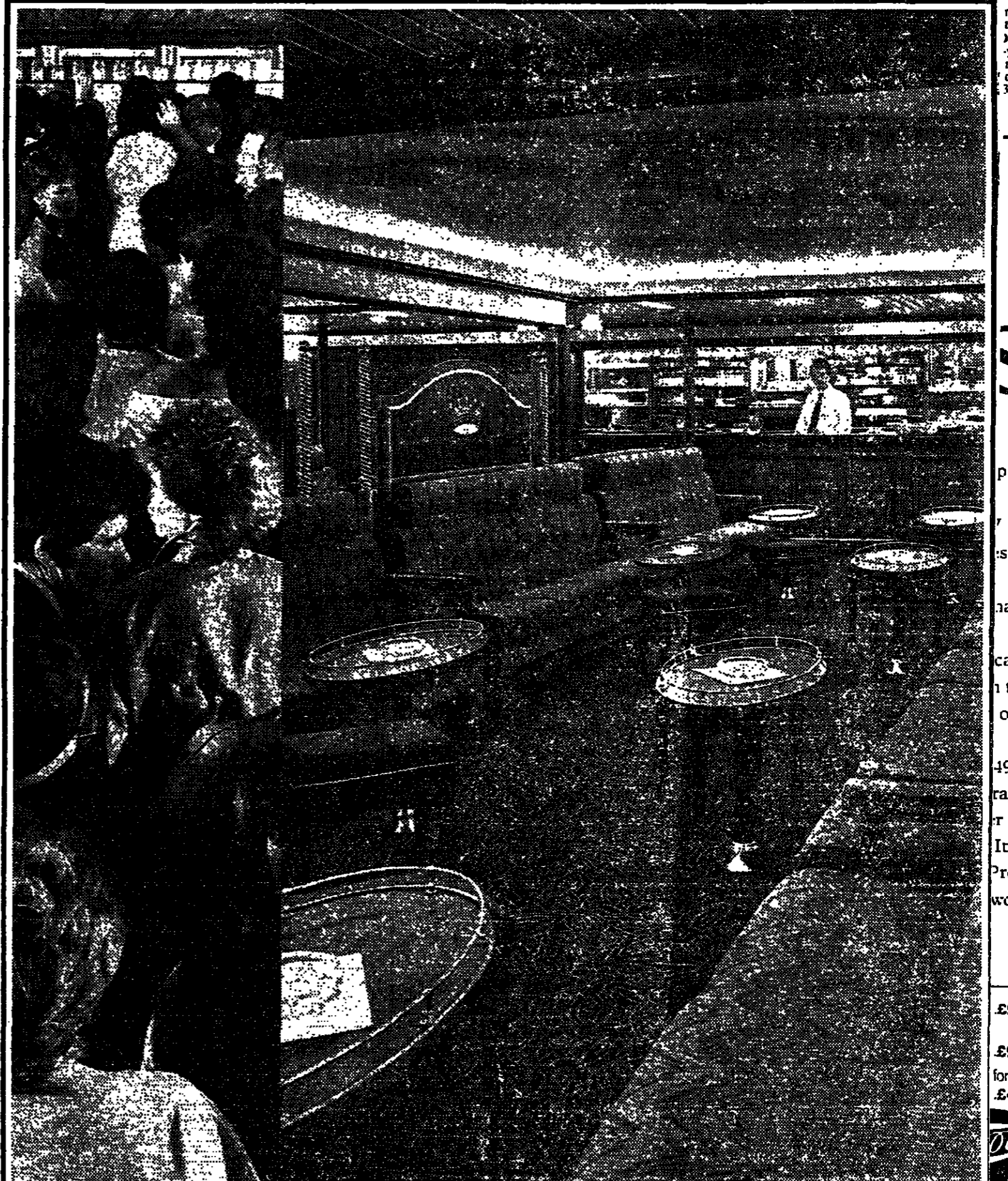
Tanaka to fight election

Tokyo - Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the former Japanese Prime Minister, is to run in the general election on July 6 even though has been out of active political life for 15 months after a stroke (David Watts writes).

A magazine published by his supporters has printed colour photographs of the former leader under the headline "Preparing for a comeback days for recharging."

Although Mr Tanaka has not made a public appearance since his stroke, the magazine says he is recovering steadily.

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This year it is celebrating the 300th anniversary of its foundation — in the favour of new building which followed the Restoration — and has been marking the event with a pageant to be followed by a masked ball, a children's street party, and a good deal else.

Yet if there are names that have been solidly established for years — Agnew's, Asprey's, Benson & Hedges, Sotheby's — a walk up the street soon shows the changes that have been taking place in the last few years.



It is not so much the surprising presence of a pawnbroker, M.B. Clough, who talks cheerfully of a revival of his business — his clients ranging from middle-class families needing money for school fees to gamblers from Park Lane who have just taken a knock.

It is more that in the world

of fashion, in particular, but not only there, Bond Street has become more international and less individualistic. Whereas for many years Adèle Davis has sold clothes to the Royal Family and many others from the single shop she has run since 1944, she is now being challenged by designer shops such as Giorgio Armani and Emanuel Ungaro with their international connections.

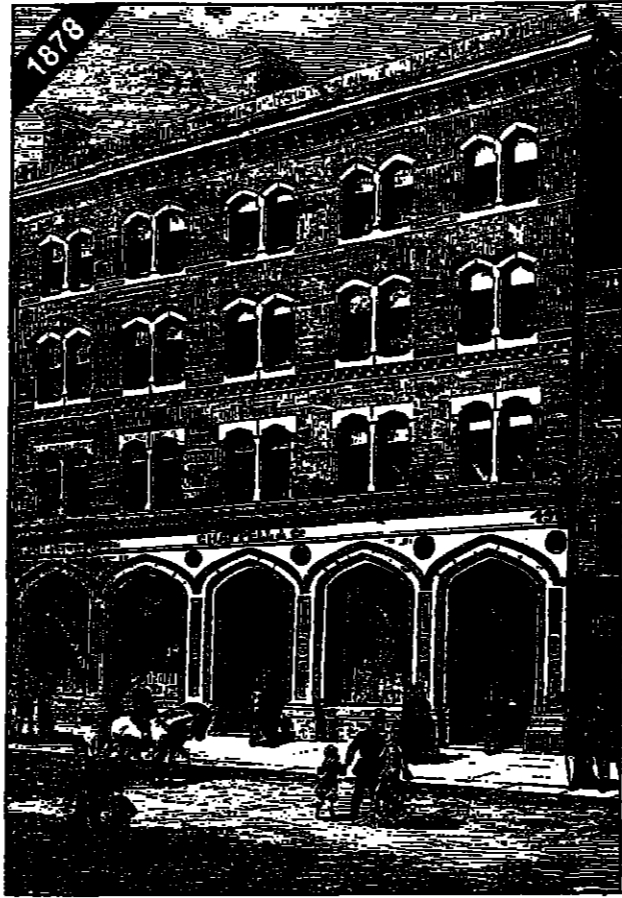
In the world of jewellery Tiffany's of New York is about to set itself up alongside Asprey's, Cartier's and such long-established firms as Tessier's and Bentley's.

Distinctiveness is something that, for sound commercial reasons as well as sentiment, both traditional firms and more recent arrivals want to preserve. Martin Evans of Bentley's talks of service and courtesy, and of the importance of having a commissionaire outside — "You need someone to call a taxi or put up an umbrella."

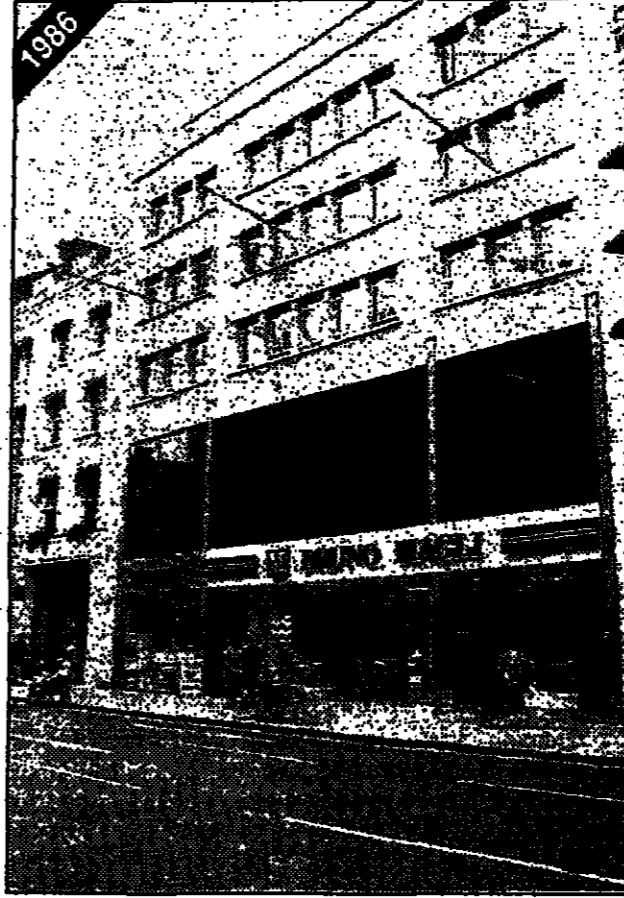
Peter Bertelsen, the dynamic head of Aguecheek, which owns the Giorgio Armani and Emanuel Ungaro shops as well as the Valentino and Basile ones, speaks firmly of the need to prevent Bond Street becoming a mere extension of Oxford Street, with its mass marketing, to the north. This was happening, he believes, a few years ago, but since Aguecheek and others moved the trend has been reversed.

At any rate the trend towards a more international character is established. Up until the Second World War Bond Street had a local character, with many of its customers actually living in Mayfair. Now many of them are foreign, mainly American and Arab. The airlines have moved in, and the financial consultants and the public relations agencies.

But the art galleries and the auction houses are still there, and the many long-established firms, and the hope is that



The change in architecture: The original Chappell's, the music publishers, and the building today



Bond Street can retain its distinctiveness, not only by comparison with elsewhere in London, but with such similar streets abroad as the Rue du Faubourg St Honoré in Paris, the Via dei Condotti in Rome, or Fifth Avenue in New York.

The street is built on what was, until the middle of the 17th century, open fields used for pasture. After the Restoration of Charles II in 1660 large new tracts of land were bought up for residential building, and in 1664 Lord Clarendon, the powerful Lord Chancellor, acquired several acres to the north of what is now Piccadilly, but was then known as Portugal Street in honour of Catherine of Braganza.

On an area corresponding to the present Old Bond Street, Albemarle Street, Dover Street and Stafford Street he built a large house, Clarendon House, which faced St James's Palace down the hill. Unfortunately for him, however, Clarendon fell from power within a short time of the house being completed, and after a brief period in the ownership of the Duke of Albemarle, it was sold for demolition in 1683.

The new owners were a syndicate of "mechanics" (or builders) and bankers headed

by John Hinde. It was they who planned the present layout of the four streets as a rectangular area, and Bond Street is named after one of their principal associates, Sir Thomas Bond, who bought building leases and, probably, freeholds from them.

Little is known of Bond, but he was evidently a man of means and an influential figure behind the scenes at

The residents of Bond Street succeeded in creating splendour out of squalor

Court, having been at one time Controller of the Household of the Queen Mother, Henrietta Maria.

The project as a whole soon ran into difficulties, and Hinde ended his life in the Fleet Prison as a debtor. Lawsuits proliferated over the ownership of the various tracts of land. It was some years before many of the houses planned for the area, known as the Albemarle Ground, were completed.

By the beginning of the 18th century, however, Bond Street was coming to life. In 1708 it was already being described as "a fine new street, mostly inhabited by nobility and

gentry". In 1721 New Bond Street, which already reached Clifford Street, was extended across the fields to Oxford Street.

The area as a whole was mixed. Much of the surrounding countryside was used for waste disposal, there were cut-throats around, and the gallows still stood at Tyburn, near the present-day Marble Arch, until 1783.

Among the writers who at one time or another lived in Bond Street were James Thomson, the Scottish poet who composed "Rule Britannia", Jonathan Swift (though only for three weeks), Edward Gibbon and Laurence Sterne, who died there. The Earl of Chatham lived there for a time in 1766.

James Boswell moved there in 1769 at a time when he was campaigning in favour of General Pasquale de Paoli, the Corsican patriot, himself living in Bond Street. Boswell brought Samuel Johnson to meet Paoli, and shortly afterwards gave a dinner, faithfully and lively recorded in his *Life of Samuel Johnson*, which included Johnson, Sir Joshua Reynolds, David Garrick and Oliver Goldsmith among the guests.

Sir Thomas Lawrence, the portrait painter, lived in Bond Street for three years, and in 1797 Nelson spent several months there recovering from the effects of losing his arm off Teneriffe — as did Lady Hamilton after his death. By then it had become a centre of fashion, in which ladies liked to parade their latest finery, and they were matched by the men in their wigs and embroidered coats and waistcoats.

At the time of the Regency Bond Street became prime territory for the dandy, Beau Brummell, who had his clothes made by a tailor there. But at the same time the street became known for its

circulating libraries and book-sellers, and it continued to have more than sartorial interest. Shelley spent a few months there in 1814, at a time when his first marriage, to Harriet Westbrook, was in trouble, and Byron and Sir Walter Scott, who had struck up a friendship, had a last, cheerful meeting at Long's Hotel in 1815.

Byron was something of an habitué of Bond Street, as a member of the Pugilistic Club run by Gentleman Jackson, one-time champion boxer of England, and often went to parties there.

It was in Victorian times that many of the landmarks of present-day Bond Street became established — Asprey's and Tessier's, Agnew's and the Fine Art Society, Chappell, the music firm, had been founded even earlier, in 1811, and set itself up in its present premises in 1830. The Royal Arcade was created in 1879, and named in honour of Queen Victoria, who patronized its shops.

In those days the street was still an area in which the poor rubbed shoulders with the rich, and in which butchers and fishmongers could be found alongside milliners and jewellers.

In recent times Bond Street has become more socially homogenous, and has seen the closing down of some famous firms from the past. It has become less residential. But it has retained the cachet it has acquired over the past 300 years, and in spite of the changes has the will to retain it even longer.

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Although visually more dominant than art and antiques, the fashion world in Bond Street is more fugitive than the rest, shops coming and going with the seasons. Due to the notable absence of the Americans, Arabs and Nigerians, and the fact that few British people can afford to buy, many shops admit to feeling the pinch.

Apart from Fenwick's, the only department store on the street, fashion tends to appear in the smaller premises that in the old days were pet shops and chemists. For someone new to the street, first impressions might be of a boutique wonderland brought to you in person by a host of glamorous names: Kurt Geiger, Roland Cartier, Valentino, Gucci.

But, if not dead or fictional (Roland Cartier was thought up by the British Shoe Corporation Footwear Ltd) all designers are notable by their absence on Bond Street. Most are part of chains run by entrepreneurs. The great Bond Street deception continues right back to the landlords, who instead of leisured aristocrats, usually turn out to be faceless bureaucracies like the Prudential Assurance pension fund, which owns 41 buildings.

Entrepreneurs include Mr and Mrs Jonathan Faulkner, who own Cacharel, Henry and Vuitton. Over the last year, Peter Bertelsen has become the most powerful. A Danish oil magnate, he started tapping the fashion market by buying up part of the Lauren Shop. Next came Valentino, then another Valentino, for good measure. Now, Basile Ungaro and Giorgio Armani have joined his stable, and to buy Bertelsen can mean to buy a wide variety of styles, from discreet and classic at Ungaro (where this season's colours are black and white, outfits

European designed suits for £700

Meanwhile the street itself has a certain prestige pattern, literally reflecting its one way traffic system, which leads towards Piccadilly, namely in general getting more and more up-market the closer to Piccadilly, and the further from Oxford Street. Up at the down-market end has just appeared Next, which like Berkerex is doing a roaring trade from customers drifting in from both worlds.

Fashion takes on an almost institutional solidity down at the Old Bond Street end, where from monolithic buildings Gucci, Chanel and



Yardley are based. "60 percent of our trade is foreign, but we are so international, we don't need to rely on Americans" says Mr Collinson, a manager of Gucci, adding that he has just sold a set of three crocodile suit cases to an Arab customer for £19,000.

Having arrived in Bond Street five years ago, Chanel just opened its clothes boutique in March, and last week was humming to the sound of Japanese ladies buying up chain-handled handbags at £300 each. No-one was trying on the suits, which start at £800. Meanwhile trade was quiet at Yardley, a shop for sweet-scented lotions and soaps, as well as a beauty parlour. "It is the only salon in Bond Street" says Susan Albany. "There used to be more, like Elizabeth Arden, but they disappeared when rents became more expensive." Being Yardley's head London office, and owned by the firm, they can afford this indulgence.

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Bond Street is equally deceptive in respect of baubles that are hung on walls, as opposed to people. The newcomer unaccustomed to measuring English arrogance on a scale of diffidence, might well walk past Sotheby's, the most powerful auction house in the world, without even noticing it. But behind its modest facade (punctuated by "The Kioko" - a cigarette and sweet stall) is an empire ever expanding into the block and across the road.

Inside, all manner of antiques are catalogued and sold. However, the place is owned by Alfred Taubman, the American magnate, and has advanced into less gentlemanly big marketing. As they prepare to host the Bond Street celebration ball on Thursday, Sotheby's is also waiting for Westminster Council to slap on new regulations designed to protect the consumer.

Less in evidence are a number of powerful dealers based in Bond Street. John Basket operates from a secret



The nearby traffic-free Bond Street in 1948, and right, the same stretch of street today.

Through the world of art

hidey hole at the top of a tatty staircase, selling Old Master drawings to East Coast Americans. Downstairs are the Mould brothers, Anthony and Phillip, who although in their twenties are gaining a reputation for making "finds" in the field of 18th century painting.

Down at the Piccadilly end of Bond Street, a number of big established dealers conduct the opposite policy, by presenting themselves as enlightened humanists, running seriously researched exhibitions. Agnew's, for example, opens a show of 18th century

French painting this week, while Colnaghi have one on sporting paintings. The gallery that comes closest to a publicly-run institution is the Fine Art Society, which runs both selling and non-selling exhibitions. Partridge Fine Art has one of the most spectacular interiors on Bond Street. Its main selling area displays huge 19th century Blackmore gardeners at £120,000 a piece.

At the huffer-mugger end of the scale comes the Bond Street Antiques Centre. 44 stalls selling small items from silver and ceramics to jewellery.

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Baubles, bangles and beads a-plenty

By naming his hero "Bond" - James Bond, Ian Fleming neatly evoked both the man and the street: wealthy, suave, sexy and powerful, not to mention proud and independent. Today, Bond Street retains its reputation as the world centre for the Old-Master trade and jewellery. But its character has become confused.

Shops tend to cluster in groups according to their trade, as a general rule becoming more up-market the further south they go. But running costs have become so high (even a double upstairs room can cost £30,000 a year), that many shops have been absorbed into big agglomerates, thus making a nonsense of Bond Street's supposed uniqueness. Another problem about big money is that British people do not, as a whole, have it, and in a year when both Americans and Arabs are conspicuous by their absence, this can mean problems for Bond Street.

Take the jewellery trade, clustered in one section where Old Bond Street meets New. Cartier, here since 1909, has traditionally been synonymous with exclusivity. Today, the prices for their jewellery are still high (necklaces ranging from £3,500 to £80,000), but their selling techniques have changed. "Be-

fore, we supplied the aristocracy and gentry, working relaxed, almost banking hours. Now, we have literally opened our doors and windows, with an advertising campaign for the whole of the UK," says Mr Davidson, the sales director. As a result, he says, they have doubled their turnover in the last two years and are budgeting for \$15 million.

Meanwhile, across the road at Hennells, business during their 250th year is just as surprising. They have taken to cultivating sources far removed from their old staple - the English aristocracy.

"By 1980, we realised our traditional clients couldn't support us any more," says Christopher Goodyear of the firm. "In the old days we did jewellery-catering for the Coronation, but now Americans are our main customers."

Goodyear's main customers are middle-aged women who often buy in bulk. "They treat you like a gigolo" he says. "But if they're spending half-a-million pounds, they know they've got you for a whole week."

Close by, Aspreys looks from the outside the most imposing in the street: six adjacent shop fronts, their windows bursting with treasures. Traditionally, it

sells a wide variety of luxury goods, from suitcases and bone hairbrushes to £1 million necklaces. However, judging from the giant, custom-made, gem-encrusted eagles they are selling at \$85,000, Asprey's has succumbed to taste nouveau.

The most intriguing window on the street is that of Sac Freres, the only amber shop in the world. Rendered invisible to glitter-seeking buyers on account of its drabness, its sparse display of dangling necklaces attracts a loyal clientele including doctors and lawyers, as well as the occasional author (Iris Murdoch prefers to select by touch, and so does not mind the lugubrious atmosphere). Guarded by Wolfgang John Hunger, third generation of an Alsace family, whose fierceness goes once genuine interest is shown, the shop is revealed as a treasure trove.

Finally, unbeknown to most shoppers, the building currently swathed in scaffolding in the jewellers section is due to emerge as the first London branch of Tiffany's in September. Being an American firm, it will no doubt confuse the street's character even more, but certainly add to its glamour.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Dollar's fall boosts hopes of early cut in base rates

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

A sharp dollar fall boosted the pound by two cents yesterday and raised hopes that base rates will soon be cut from their 10 per cent level.

There had been no detailed international discussions about stabilizing the dollar at present levels, and this led to further selling.

The pound rose by 1.85 cents to 1.4925 against the weak dollar. However, sterling lost more than two pence to close at 3.3985 against the mark which, with the yen was

Mercury International raises ready \$200m

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Mercury International Group, the City financial conglomerate which owns SG Warburg, the merchant bank, yesterday increased its capital resources through its first operation in international capital markets.

1986, is a guide, this year will not offer much comfort. George Milling-Stanley, the new author of the survey, has continued the admirable tradition of lucid comprehensiveness which has made it the bible of the business, but he is unable to predict either the price increase or the volatility which the market craves.

At \$317 an ounce, the gold price in 1986 was the lowest since 1979; volatility, or the range within which gold traded, was the lowest since 1977. The supply of new gold to the non-Communist private sector fell for the first time since 1980, from 1,439 tonnes to 1,288 tonnes.

But, to be fair, these figures conceal subtle shifts in the market, some of which are welcome. Stimulated by a price which is still well above average Western production costs of \$206 an ounce before depreciation (\$254 after depreciation), mine production rose from 1,149 tonnes to 1,213 tonnes, the highest for 14 years.

South African output was 10 tonnes lower at 673 tonnes, or 55 per cent of the total, but the difference was made up by burgeoning mines in North America, Australia and Brazil.

The gap between higher mine output and a lower supply to the private sector is largely explained by central banks and other official agencies reversing their earlier policy to become net buyers in 1985 of 135 tonnes of gold.

So far in 1986, the gold price has averaged \$343 an ounce, largely because of a spurt induced by the oil price collapse early in the year. But if the price should dip this year, official purchases could pick up again, further straining the supply to the private sector.

That strain chiefly arises from the impressive strength of demand for jewellery. Consumption of gold in electronics and coins was down sharply last year, in the latter case because the poor price deterred investors and there was political resistance to the now-discontinued Kruggerands.

But jewellery devoured 513 tonnes against 443 tonnes, the main reason being high earnings in countries such as India as well as developed nations and the depreciation of the dollar, which gave a particular flip to the booming Japanese market.

Several years of capital losses on gold and the relative attraction of financial instruments and stock markets have knocked the shine off gold. But for gold bugs, the encouraging aspect is that the price is holding reasonably steady, supported by buying below \$330.

Physical demand has been the key to the market, even if the actual source changes from year to year. In 1986, for example, Japan has bought 200 tonnes for coins to celebrate the emperor. Patience in the gold market may pay off.

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Bid query by Biddle

Biddle Holdings, the lift heating and air-conditioning company, yesterday called on the Myson hearing firm to clarify its intentions.

Hanson leaps

Hanson Trust increased profits from £106 million to £158 million before tax in the six months to March 31.

Norcros jumps

Norcros, the building materials company, boosted pretax profits from £34.3 million to £45.1 million in the year to March 31.

Sketchley lift

Sketchley, the dry-cleaner, reported pretax profits up 16 per cent to £11.6 million for the year to March 28.

Water protest

The Water Authorities Association, has told the Government the industry cannot support privatization unless crucial issues like pensions and land drainage are dealt with urgently.

First for Rolls

Rolls-Royce, the state-owned aero-engine group, has won its first order - worth up to £30 million - for its latest fuel-efficient RB-211 engine.

Wine loss

Rothmans International's troubled Canadian brewing subsidiary, Carling O'Keefe, has sold its wine subsidiary, Jordan & Ste-Michelle Cellars, at a loss for Can\$30 million (£14.5 million).

38% pay rise

Mr Philip Birch, the chairman and managing director of the Ward White Group, was paid £225,000 last year, an increase of 38 per cent.

Store scheme

Bentalls, the department store chain, is to seek planning permission next month for the £110 million redevelopment with Norwich Union, the insurance company, of its store at Kingstons, south-west London.

West German growth resumes

The West German economy is recovering, after a winter pause in growth. Industrial output rose by 1.3 per cent in April, it was announced yesterday.

Clayform pays £85m for Samuel

Clayform Properties has made an agreed £85.9 million offer for Samuel Properties, the old-established property investment company.

B & C buys 55% stake in Premier

British & Commonwealth Shipping has added another business to its rapidly expanding financial services division by taking a 55 per cent stake in Premier Portfolio.

Seven bid to build Thames crossing

Seven groups of construction companies and banks have submitted proposals to the Government for building a new crossing of the Thames at Dartford, Kent, for £100 million or more.

Oppenheim indicates Aitken Hume plans

Mr Nicholas Oppenheim, the financier, yesterday issued the formal offer document in his £91 million bid for the Aitken Hume financial services company.

More Pritchard sales

Pritchard Services Group, which is fighting a hostile £145 million bid from Mr Michael Ashcroft's Hawley Group, yesterday announced the disposal of two further assets.

Leigh in £6m cash call

Leigh Interests, the Walsall waste disposal group, yesterday asked shareholders for £6.2 million to reduce group borrowings which ballooned after last year's purchase of MJI Corporation for £4.4 million.

MPs give warning on Royal Ordnance privatization

An all-party committee of MPs gave a warning yesterday that proper consideration must be given to the interests of the taxpayer in the forthcoming privatization of Royal Ordnance.

Still no glister

The last two or three years have been disappointing for gold enthusiasts and if Consolidated Gold Fields' latest market review, Gold

MARKET SUMMARY

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COMPANY NEWS. RATNERS (JEWELLERS): Shares by way of rights, more than 97 per cent have been taken up.

De La Rue profits rise by 6% to £49.4m

The turnover of De La Rue, which supplies banknotes to more than 50 countries, slipped by 8 per cent to £310 million in the year to March 31 last.

McCorquodale up 14%

McCorquodale, the specialist printing and packaging group, produced a 14.6 per cent increase in pretax profits to £5.8 million in the half-year to March 31.

RECENT ISSUES. EQUITIES: Alumasac (150p) 148, Arler (180p) 121, Baxby (115p) 103, Ashley (115p) 105, Barker (Charles) (150p) 155 +5, Brabant (200p) 154, Clarke Cooper (130p) 154, Combined Leases (125p) 128, Dalepak (107p) 124, Davies (155p) 212 -2, Dean & B (50p) 59 +3, Debor (150p) 136, Eads (50p) 58, Evans (120p) 115, Fields (140p) 126, Green (120p) 128 -2, Haggis (110p) 147, Jurey (115p) 90, Monopole (57p) 158, Musgrave (155p) 127, Splash (100p) 105, Splash Prods (72p) 70.

Sheraton to seek quote

Sheraton Securities International, the Unlisted Securities Market property company, wants a full quotation on the Stock Exchange by the end of the year.

BASE LENDING RATES

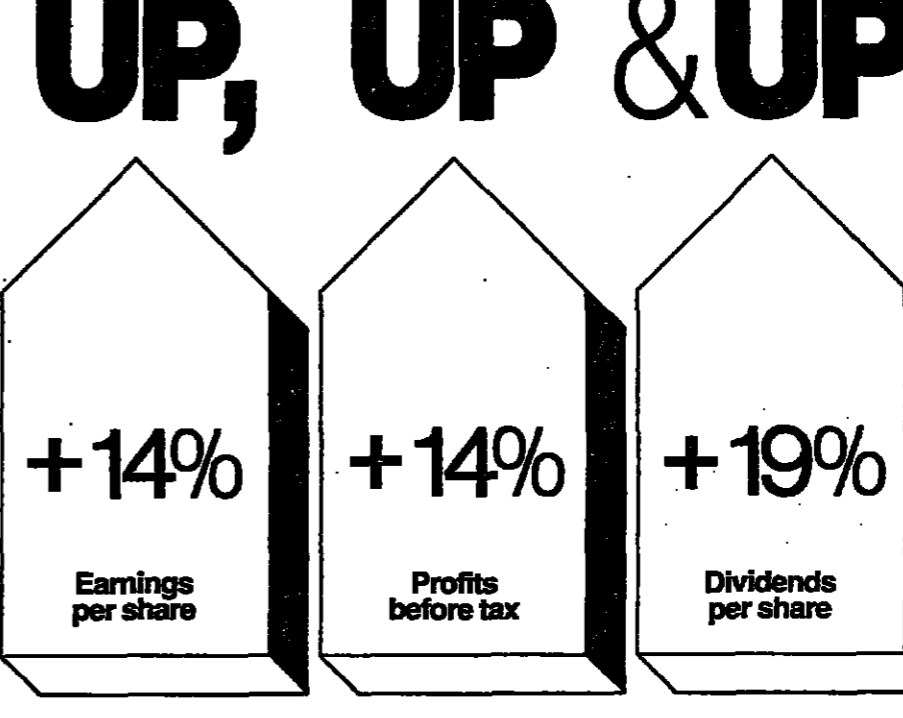
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POLLY PECK INTERNATIONAL PLC. RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 1986. Turnover £114.2m, Profit before taxation £31.2m, Profit after taxation £26.0m, Earnings per share 23.9p, Dividend per share (net) 1.5p.

Enterprise charities plan £6m merger

By Teresa Park
A new organization to merge business savings...

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Editing prosecution statements

Practice Direction (Crime: Evidence by Written Statements) New directions 'about evidence by written statements'...

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the following practice direction replaced Practice Direction (Evidence: Written Statements) (1982) 1 WLR 1462.

compliance with the requirements of section 102 of the 1960 Act or section 9 of the 1967 Act... (a) When a police officer (or other investigating officer)...

(b) None of the above principles applies, in respect of committed proceedings, to documents which are exhibited (including statements under caution and signed contemporaneous notes)...

(c) A fresh statement should normally be prepared and signed by the only part of the original on which the prosecution are relying...

Council's duty to accommodate gypsies

West Glamorgan County Council v Rafferty and Others. Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Sir John Megaw.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that in July 1985, after being evicted from a site within the Swansea City Council area, gypsies moved to Briton Ferry Industrial Estate...

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Woman's equal work does not imply equal pay

Hayward v Cunnell Laird Shipbuilders Ltd. Before Mr Justice Popplewell, Mr J. A. Poyell and Mr H. R. Johnson.

The court held that the fact that a woman is employed on work which is of equal value to that of a man does not necessarily mean that she is entitled to the same basic wage or overtime rates...

Regulations to include equal value, it had to be looked at in the light of article 119 which involved considerations other than wages or salary.

The appeal tribunal considered that although Mr Farnick's argument was a bright one, it was not a strong one...

Petitioner debarred because debt was incurred after dissolution

In re Agri Estate Agencies Ltd. Before Mr Justice Harman. [Judgment given May 23]

A creditor of a company whose debt was incurred after the dissolution of the company could not apply to have the company restored to the companies register.

Mr Justice Harman held in a restored judgment in the Chancery Division dismissing the petition of Mahmood Sinau to have Agri Estate Agencies Ltd restored to the register of companies.

Accordingly it seemed to his Lordship that he should try to assist the petitioner in obtaining the relief which broad justice required.

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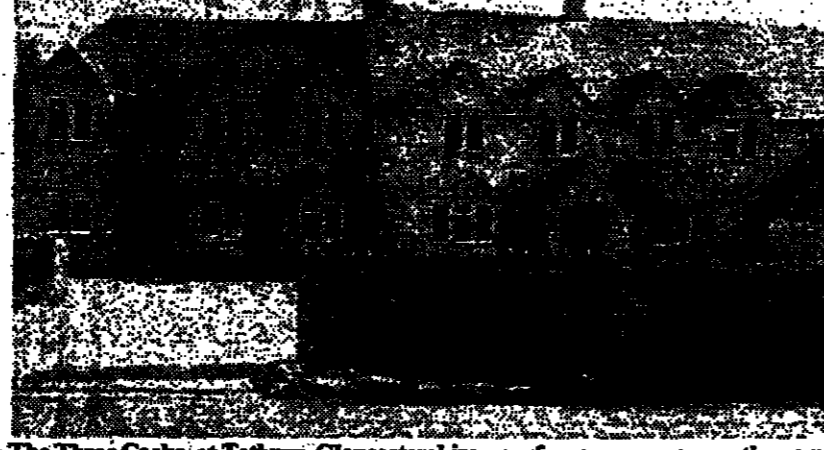
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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/2

Duncan-Sandys asks £1m for the blue house

Lord and Lady Duncan-Sandys are selling their early 19th-century London house, Sapphire Lodge, in Vincent Square. Lord Duncan-Sandys, one of the last survivors of Churchill's wartime Cabinet, moved there in 1946, having lent Westminster Gardens flat to the Conservative Party in 1945...



The Three Cocks, at Tetbury, Gloucestershire, was for many years - as the name suggests - a public house. The Cotswold stone house dates back to the 17th century, and it is reported that Oliver Cromwell stayed there when he besieged Berkeley Castle...

Byde Mill, a former mill house in the National Trust village of Lockot, Wiltshire, standing on a site mentioned in the Domesday Book, is for sale through Cluttons' Bath office. The house is built of Cotswold stone and dates from the 17th century...

Winthorpe Hall, Winthorpe, near Newark, Nottinghamshire, is a fine Grade II listed 18th-century country house in a prominent position in the village. The building was begun in 1753 by Robert Taylor, physician to George II, who was bankrupted by the project...

Park Cottage, an early 19th-century house which was formerly two cottages, is for sale at East Grafton, Wiltshire. The property, with grounds of about 10 acres, was built in 1810 and is one of the finest examples of the style in the area...

Coppers, at West Meon, Hampshire, is set in one and a half acres, including mature coppice wood. It is mainly Georgian and stands in the historic village, which has been virtually untouched by 20th-century architecture...

Handbook for the home

The National House Building Council, an independent body dedicated to promoting better housing standards and to safeguarding house buyers, has launched a new home owners' manual designed to help to protect their interests. The council, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, has already published guides for house buyers...

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Brien is hopeful seventh triumph

RIPON
Going: Good to firm
Drawn: 51 or low numbers best
7.0 E B F APPEARED MOTORS STAKES (2-y-c)

Ripon selections
7.0 Storm Hero, 7.25 Samba Lass, 7.50 Koozoo...

7.50 THEATKINS HANDICAP (22.50: 1m 40) (7)
1.000 SHELLMAN K (3m 4-10)...

CARLISLE
Going: good to soft
Draw: high numbers best
2.15 WASTWATER MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-c)

Carlisle selections
2.15 Take A Hint, 2.45 Ringo Queen, 3.15 Little Newton...

2.45 BUTTERMERE SELLING STAKES (2-y-c)
2.000 NORTHAM LAD M (2m 8-11)...

3.15 LOWSWATER HANDICAP (21.04: 6f)
1.000 LONESOME DAY (2m 10-11)...

Salisbury results
2.0 (2) L. SERRANA BROADWAY (4)...

Beverley
Going: good to firm
Draw: 1 or low numbers best

Monday night
Edinburgh
Going: good to firm
Draw: 1 or low numbers best

POLO Mexican goal rush
By John Watson
Few enthusiasts braved the heavy drizzle at Windsor to witness the high-gauge Queen's Cup tournament...

RACING (continued)
3.000 TOUCHER LE BOND M (2m 9-11)...

8.20 BAYER U K DORIN STAKES (2-y-c)
8.50 JENNIFER BROWNING HANDICAP (3-y-c)

GOLF Banke in control of conditions
By John Hennessy
Dana Banke, the leading qualifier for the Amateur championship...

CRICKET Derbyshire submit Lancashire fail by five runs
By Peter Marson
Lancashire came desperately close to beating Warwickshire in an exciting finish...

4.15 ENNERDALE WATER MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-c)
4.45 CRIMMOCK WATER HANDICAP (211.80: 1m 40) (10)

5.00 BASSENTHAUTE HANDICAP (3-y-c)
5.45 ENNERDALE WATER MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-c)

Profitable trip for Wilson
Julian Wilson, the BBC racing commentator, paid his first visit to Beverley...



Power play: Martina Navratilova on her way to victory against Kathy Rinaldi in Paris (Photograph: Tomamy Hindley)

TENNIS A dream comes true for Kriek
From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent Paris
John Kriek can hardly believe that life is being so good to him...

NEPS SINGLER'S RESULTS
1st: G. VILA (Arg) 3-6, 7-6, 7-6, 7-6, 7-6

Appeal date for Botham
The appeals committee will consist of an independent chairman - a Queen's Counsel - and representatives from the CCCB, MCC, the National Cricketers' Association and the Cricketers' Association...

Fishy tale ends in net gain for Clifton
By George Chesterton
Somewhat surprisingly, all of Sunday's first-round matches in the Cricket Cup reached a result despite the weather...

IN BRIEF
200 overturned during the second stage. The accident happened on a special section near the town of Arachova...

Warning for youngsters
See Mappin, the national women's tennis manager, has carried out a threat to make her young players 'fight' for wild-card spots at Wimbledon...

Ailing Cash knocked off course
By David Powell
Pat Cash, the former Wimbledon semi-finalist who has dominated more than 200 places in the world rankings in the past year...

FOOTBALL: MEXICO WARNED OVER POOR QUALITY OF SERVICE IN TRANSMISSIONS

European TV companies may seek Cup rights refund

From John Carlin, Mexico City
In the midst of what they call "the biggest disaster in the history of sports broadcasting", the European television companies warned FIFA officials here yesterday that immediate measures must be taken to improve the "catastrophic" World Cup service provided so far by Mexican TV.

Paraguay pair fit
Mexico City (Reuter) - Paraguay's two key men, Julio Cesar Romero and Roberto Cabanas, have been pronounced fit for their country's opening game against Iraq today.



Close encounter: Larrius, of Morocco, keeps Buncof, of Poland, at bay in the tall grass at the Universitario stadium during the goalless draw in Monterrey (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Entertainment takes a back seat in the bid for points

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Monterrey
The Press conference after the first goalless draw of the World Cup finals began with an acrid note on Monday. A Frenchman, who could afford to dispense with the need for diplomacy, asked Jose Faria, the manager of Morocco, if he thought it was fair that people should have paid money to watch that game.

ATHLETICS DIARY

Tiacoah may make his mark while Lewis takes it easy

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent
San Jose, California
The most unflattering minute in modern athletics history has served to be the one during the early evening of October 18, 1968, when Lee Evans set off to run 43.56sec in the 400 metres.

Appetite found
Ensom Coghlan, impressive winner of the 3,000 metres on Saturday, credits his "best form since I have run the world championship 5,000 metres in 1983" to a failed diet.

Hammer miss
The grand prix got off to a more successful start than last year. And if the Russian athlete had turned up all 16 events would have qualified for points.

O irony!
Driving down a sunny California freeway had to be the most appropriate place to listen to the Beach Boys and the Doors, and when the announcer at San Jose introduced "The Big O", we thought we were in for another rock 'n' roll treat.

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Luton Town yesterday appointed John Moore, the coach, as their manager in succession to David Plett, who has joined Tottenham Hotspur.

Unspeakable
Talking of television commentators, the WTS broadcast of the grand prix meeting was so execrable as to make anyone wish for a Pickering, Coleman, Parry or even Jim Rosenthal.

Scotland line-up

Scotland have announced their athletics team to meet Ireland and Catalonia in Spain on Sunday.

ENTERTAINMENTS

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CINEMAS
GARDNER PLACE 482 2443 (Opp Cinema)
ABSOLUTE BRIDGES (125) Afternoon parts cancelled until 5.30. Film at 8.10, 8.40, 9.10, 9.40.

Switching on to a new deal

By John Goodbody

The Football League's weak bargaining position and their need to attract new sponsors have resulted in an agreement worth only £6.2 million to televise matches over the next two seasons.

There will be live coverage, shared by BBC and ITV, of 14 League games per season, two Littlewoods Challenge Cup (formerly Milk Cup) semi-finals and the final, all to be played on Sundays. There will also be recordings of League and Littlewoods Cup matches.

After 15 months of deadlock the League and television companies signed a £1.3 million deal in January which expired at the end of last season.

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SPEEDWAY: AUSTRALIANS AND NEW ZEALANDERS FACE A TOUGH TEST

Britons set to dominate 'extra' final

By Keith Macklin
The first Commonwealth final of the World Individual Championship will take place next Sunday at Belle Vue, Manchester. Sixteen riders will contest this additional round in the long trail to the final in Poland.

